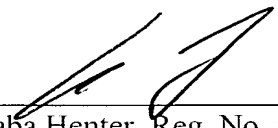


## REMARKS

The rejections are moot in view of the amendments. Claims 15 and 16 were noted allowable once rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 16. Claim 15 is rewritten in independent form and claim 16 is made dependent thereon. New claims are directed to subject matter removed from the claims when amending to remove multiple dependencies.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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